

# House Business Halts While Internal Troubles Are Being Settled

## MOVE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF WOODWARD IS FAILURE IN HOUSE

Motion of Andrews Lost By Tie Vote; Legislators Split on Question

Edward Woodward is still clerk of the house of representatives, although he resigned this morning, a move to accept his resignation, led by a select committee composed of Representatives Andrews, Lota and Joseph, having failed miserably today.

By a vote of 14 to 14 a motion to accept Woodward's resignation was lost, the more representative members of the house, including Clarence H. Cooke, T. H. Petrie, Charles N. Marques and William Miles, talking straight from the shoulder in a successful effort to show the members the error of their way in ousting a competent official because he had made his initial slip-up.

**Resigned Today**

Woodward resigned "in the interest of harmony." Speaker Holstein had hoped he would reconsider at least until next Monday, but the clerk declined and, when the session opened at 10 o'clock, Andrews, head of the select committee, moved that the resignation be accepted. Then followed debate which lasted until noon.

The debate centered about Woodward's refusal to notify the inter-island trip for Saturday to visit Molokai. One house member pointed out that the rules provide that the house employes shall at all times be under the direction of the speaker. Holstein had declined to approve anything in connection with the Molokai trip on the ground that it was all in the hands of the committee.

Andrews questioned the rules and wanted to know if the members wanted to let the speaker run the house. "Had you intended to go to Molokai?" queried Representative Cooke.

"I might have gone, and I might not have gone," answered Andrews.

The house and gallery laughed. Probably the most telling speech of the morning was made by Representative Cooke, who went to school with Woodward at Punahou.

**Cooke Defends Clerk**

"Woodward is a Hawaiian who not only the Hawaiians but the haoles are proud of," he said in substance. "If on only one occasion he has failed to satisfy the majority of the house, is he to be fired?"

"There was a report in the paper this morning that 20-odd members of the house were going to fire Woodward. Andrews threatened Woodward in effect that 'We will get you fired.' What other course did Woodward have but to resign in the face of these threats and reports?"

Representative Petrie criticized the select committee for "going behind the house and threatening to have an officer removed."

Hawaiian pride, and plenty of it, brought Representatives Kalana, Kana and Kelekolio to their feet in defense of the clerk. Representative Lyman took a stand against him.

Representative Miles openly accused Andrews of "making every move purely for personal reasons," declaring he was in the legislature representing neither his constituents or the voters.

At the close of the debate, a vote was taken to accept the resignation. The motion was lost by reason of a tie vote of 14 to 14.

**How They Voted**

The vote was as follows:

Yes—Andrews, Brown, Jarrett, Jervis, Joseph, Kaua, Kalana, Kupihua, Lota, Lyman, Moesman, Paehouli.

No—Cooke, Fernandez, Kawewehi, Kawala, Kelekolio, Kula, Marques, Miles, Petrie, de Silva, Walsh, Wilcox, Willet, Holstein.

**Not Voting**—Taxares, Walshole.

Andrews early this morning prepared a resolution for the removal of Woodward. It was not introduced.

The whole trouble arose when Clerk Woodward yesterday afternoon failed to notify the inter-island Steam Navigation Co. of the house's action to charter the steamer Mauna Loa for a trip to Molokai next Saturday.

Woodward's explanation is that the inter-island declined to close the arrangements without the consent of Speaker H. L. Holstein. Holstein, it is contended, refused to give his consent, saying that the entire matter of the Molokai trip was out of his hands and in the hands of a select committee of the house headed by Representative Andrews.

**Holstein Has Opposed Trip**

From the very beginning of the fight over the proposed Molokai trip, Speaker Holstein has opposed the move on the assertion it was to be nothing but a junket and a wasteful expenditure of the money of the people.

"It is the extravagance of such a trip that has set me against it," says Speaker Holstein. "Such a trip is for nothing more than for a few of the members of the house to build their political fences for the next election."

"I certainly will not tolerate it. I claim to be one of the trustees of the people's money and do not intend to have it unwisely expended. But I have nothing more to do with it. The select committee has taken it out of my hands."

**Holstein Commends Woodward**

Clerk Woodward did not resign yesterday as was reported in a morning paper. Prior to today's meeting of the house, Speaker Holstein declared that Woodward is still clerk of the house, and will be as long as Holstein is speaker. Woodward, however, resigned this morning.

There is not a man in the country who can do the work as well as Woodward," says Holstein. "His removal will be the means of tying up important legislation from the house to the senate, which means that it will not go through this session."

"The house removed the clerk, but does so through the speaker. Woodward has not resigned and I hold he is still clerk of the house."

**Holstein Has Backing**

It is noticeable that some of the more representative members of the house stood behind Speaker Holstein in his fight to prevent the Molokai trip. The house and senate military committee have both visited the settlement and their reports should be forthcoming within a few days.

Reports that there is a move on foot to unseat Speaker Holstein were laughed at in the house today. Representative Lyman, whom someone mentioned as his successor, said he knew of no fight against the speaker and that he was not an aspirant for the chair. Other representatives expressed similar beliefs. However, in other quarters it is asserted that the move has made considerable headway.

Assistant Clerk Nicholas Hoopli today said he would leave if Woodward is forced out.

## JUDGE ROBERTSON FAVORS DROPPING CHARTER REVISION

In a "little interview" given to the Star-Bulletin today Chief Justice A. G. M. Robertson says of the city charter situation:

"The present situation with reference to the proposed new charter for Honolulu would seem to present a good opportunity for the senate to drop the subject. The whole agitation for a new charter was ill advised and premature. Community opinion had not reached the point where it was prepared to give general support to a real short-bill charter, hence there was no need of broaching the subject of a new charter. A process of improvement by amendment of the existing law was the better plan. The differences of opinion between Farrington's fighting phalanx and the Kakaako cohorts could well be composed by compromise on that line, and those who have not favored an entire new charter would be satisfied. The so-called 'three and three' plan for the election of supervisors would be a backward step. Theoretically it is wrong, and practically it would serve to aggravate and intensify the already awkward division of the town by the line of Nuuanu street. The subject of a new charter may very appropriately be postponed for discussion, education and consideration till after the war is over and normal conditions have returned."

## WORK OUT PLANS ON PROHIBITION

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members of the license board were at the meeting this morning. **Absolute Control Is Opposed.**

Attorney R. W. Breckons, representing the liquor men, was their chief spokesman. Breckons directed most of his argument against giving into the hands of the liquor license board such absolute control as the proposed bills provide.

Breckons held that the changing nature of the board's personnel, as well as the divided opinion on what may constitute war or an emergency made the bills unfair to the liquor people, who had property rights in their business that should be considered.

Breckons drew several pictures of what might happen—one or two of which appeared to strike those at the meeting as rather far fetched. He held that the commission had no special power which gave it the right to decide what an emergency is.

**What Is Emergency?**

"Some board may come along here," he said, "which decides that bright sunshine is an emergency. Straightway the board will not to close up the saloons because an emergency exists."

The attorney cited other instances when the board might hold that an emergency exists and other people could rightly disagree with them. If certain members of the anti-saloon league should get on the board he was sure that most anything would suffice to back up the order.

Chairman Cooke stated it as the feeling of the liquor board that the board cannot work hocus-bolus on prohibition matters. If the legislature wants prohibition it should enact it. He admitted that the board has strong regulative powers.

"I don't think the legislature has the right to vest powers in a commission such as Senate Bill 125 would provide," said Breckons. "I do not think it is legal. If it passes and I should consider an emergency did not exist I should certainly advise the liquor interests to fight it. If I did believe there was an emergency I should advise them to obey it as good American citizens. I want to be fair with both sides."

**Stands for Appeal Right**

"But shall a man with property interests be bound to abide by the board's decision of what is war, epidemic, or emergency, without appeal?"

Chairman Cooke did not think the law preventing appeal would be abused by the board. Breckons thought that would depend entirely on the board itself.

"The papers have said," continued Breckons, "that the saloon men have been forced to propose such an offer as has been made to this board, but as a matter of fact it was discussed a considerable time antedating the war situation. I suppose to that if war comes about as many bartenders and saloon keepers would go to fight as will church members, and do almost as well at it."

**Amendment Is Suggested**

The suggestion made by Chairman Cooke as a provision for Section 2131 of the Revised Laws, toward which Senator Castle has declared favor is as follows:

"And provided further anything otherwise contained in this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding that during war, strike, turmoil, disorder, epidemic, or whenever in the opinion of the board an emergency exists and the public interest requires the same, the board may in addition to its powers, authority and discretion otherwise granted by this chapter summarily suspend all or any licenses whatsoever or otherwise restrict and regulate the exercise of such license or licenses."

D. H. Lewis of Lovejoy & Company gave his opinion that any request not to sell to young soldiers would be

## NEW AND BETTER PLAN FOR ENDING STREAM MENACE NOW PROPOSED

A new plan to divert the stream now emptying between the Moana Hotel and Outrigger Club—a plan involving an expenditure of \$50,000 or \$60,000—was presented today to the finance committee of the house of representatives.

The new plan is declared to be much more adequate and workable than a former one to divert the stream to the Makee Island channel, Kapiolani park.

In explaining the plan, Engineer Fred E. Harvey said it is proposed to construct a wide channel through the unclaimed area lying between the McCully road, beginning at Beretania street and ending at the sea, through the stream now flowing along the John Ena road. The proposed stream would cross Kalakaua avenue east of the Cassidy station. The construction of two bridges would be necessary, one over Kalakaua avenue and another near the beach.

Into this proposed channel at Beretania street would be diverted the waters of the Pauoa and Maioa streams, thus relieving Kapiolani park of the flood waters which prevail during heavy rains.

The proposed channel would run largely through government land, it was explained. From Kalakaua avenue to the beach the present open stream would be utilized. The channel proper would be about 60 feet wide and deep enough to accommodate at least five feet of water.

The question came up as to whether benefited property owners should be assessed for the improvement and it was pointed out that the Moana, the

Outrigger Club, Royal Grove and Beachwalk would all be benefited.

"It will benefit the whole town," asserted Supervisor F. M. Hatch.

G. H. Buttolph said the project ought to be in line with the ultimate reclaiming of all the Waikiki land.

Harvey was of the opinion that the channel would not interfere with future reclamation work, but would benefit it instead.

"This is a far better scheme than the first one," said Chairman C. H. Cooke of the finance committee.

Chairman Cooke expressed the belief that the expense money might be taken out of the sanitation revolving fund.

Another feature of the new plan is that flood waters which, in the past, have caused considerable trouble, will be drained into and carried off by the channel.

The plan worked out by Engineer Harvey, who is acting for public-spirited Honolulu citizens, does away with all the objections raised to the first scheme. It has two big advantages—it gets rid of the stream nuisance near the Outrigger Club and it will take care of a vast volume of flood waters which now bank up in the duckpond area.

The plan, it is declared, protects the costly new pavement along Kalakaua avenue from the possibility of being damaged by the heavy floods which now have no outlet except through small and entirely inadequate culverts.

Engineer Harvey's scheme is worked out expressly not to interfere with any such larger scheme as Gov. Pinkham's general reclamation project.

## FROM YESTERDAY'S LAST EDITION

**MEXICAN SNIPERS FIRE ON AMERICAN PATROL.**  
EL PASO, Texas, April 12.—Mexican snipers today fired on a United States patrol of soldiers 32 miles south of here. One Mexican was killed on the American side. The patrol returned the fire.

**CARRANZA NOT TO CUT OFF OIL SUPPLY**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—President Carranza has assured the United States that oil at Tampico will not be denied the United States and England. Oil from this source is the principal fuel of the British and French fleets.

**MORE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ORDERED OUT**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Seven companies of the National Guard, Coast Artillery, were today ordered into the federal service, one from New Hampshire and six from California. Later Secretary of War Baker ordered 11 others into the National Guard federal service for policing.

**NEWS PRINT MANUFACTURERS INDICTED FOR "TRUST"**  
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—As the result of the long and searching investigation of prices of news print paper, the News Print Manufacturers' Association and seven members of its executive committee were today indicted by the federal grand jury. They are charged with having violated the Sherman anti-trust law.

**MORE SUBMARINE OUTRAGES ARE REPORTED**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The American schooner Marguerita was captured by the Germans and presumably torpedoed early in April. Four of the crew, Americans, were exposed for 48 hours in open boats, according to advices from the American embassy in Paris. The Norwegian

## KAUAI MILITIA IS 'PREPARED'

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

**LIHUE, Kauai, April 11.**—The preparations for putting the 4th Infantry on a war basis are going steadily forward. At headquarters in the Tip-Top building, Colonel Wilcox and his staff are working constantly to make everything ready should mobilization be ordered. The men are entering into the work of the guard with renewed interest and enthusiasm.

The officers placed in the reserve have been notified that they are honorably discharged, since it is not provided that a man may be placed in the reserve unless he has served three years in the guard. This arrangement has done much to ease the situation which threatened to take practically all the county officials and businessmen should the regiment be ordered to Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Larsen, who were recently married at Waimea, have been spending their honeymoon at the Waipouli beach house of Col. Broadbent. The happy couple will leave this evening for Honolulu, where they will make their home.

Mr. Larsen is connected with the agricultural experiment station.

obeyed by not only saloons but wholesale houses as well.

Lewis said the main trouble, however, was from the blind pigs; that more drunkenness is found about them than from any saloons or wholesale houses.

**Would Eliminate Word "War"**

W. C. Peacock suggested that the word "war" be left out of Castle's bill, but Castle thought that would take out all use of the measure at this time.

A little later Peacock suggested that liquor houses be canvassed to see if the importation of wines could not be cancelled for the present. Wines, he thought were the cause of most of the trouble in the lower districts of the city.

Senator Coner also voiced strong feeling against the cheap wines that are brought to Hawaii, which, he declared have ruined a lot of lives.

Chairman Cooke expressed the feeling toward the end of the meeting that there is no more reason for closing the saloons today than there was a month ago and Breckons agreed with him heartily.

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F. C. MIGHTON, D. C.,  
254-205 Boston Bldg.  
Pacific College Grad.

bark Marion was submerged on April 6 and the crew, some Americans, were in open boats for 47 hours. A Russian died.

## JOFFE MAY COME TO UNITED STATES WITH BRITISH

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The delegation of British international experts, headed by Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour, will arrive in the United States within ten days for a war council. It is thought that Gen. Joffre, the famous French commander, will accompany Minister Balfour. It is not expected that the Entente Allies will seek to bind the United States not to make a separate peace pact with the Central Powers. It is not believed that President Wilson contemplates entering into an alliance in the Old World sense of the word, but considers committing the United States to unlimited participation in the war until it is victoriously ended.

## PLAYGROUND IN KAPIOLANI PARK APPROVED

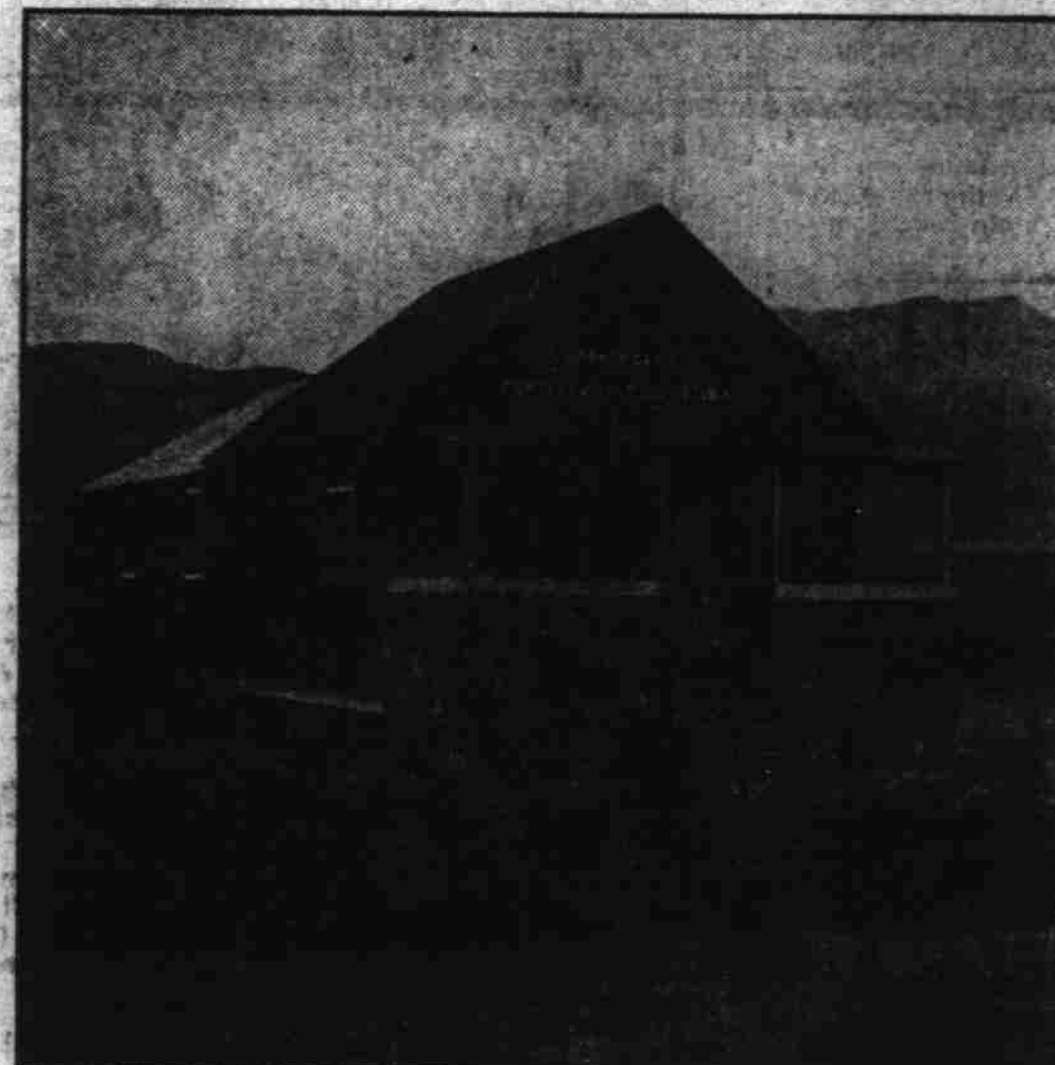
Recommendations for the passage of house bill 336, proposing that lowlands at Kapiolani park be filled to provide a playground and ball park were given today in a report of the senate ways and means committee. The committee recommended the appropriation of \$20,000 for the work, expressing the belief that such a place will be of great benefit to the public. This money is to be paid back eventually by the city and county.

## GOVERNOR WANTS OPINION ON R. T. STATUS

Governor Finkham has ordered an opinion from the attorneys of the public utilities commission as to the commission's status regarding the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company and other public utilities whose term of life goes back to the days of the monarchy. It developed at the commission's meeting this afternoon. An opinion is now being prepared by Watson & Clements. The governor's letter is dated April 10.

## TRANSCRIPT OF INTER-ISLAND HEARING VERY VOLUMINOUS

Action of Chairman Charles R. Forbes in having the transcript of the first seven or eight hearings in the long drawn-out inter-island investigation put into type for the report which is yet to be made came in for some criticism at the public utilities commission's weekly meeting this afternoon. A bill of the Hawaiian Gazette Company for \$135 precipitated the discussion. It was for 31 galley's of type. Secretary Henry P. O'Sullivan said he had advised Forbes not to keep on having the transcripts put into type, as it might prove too expensive. Forbes thereupon discontinued it. There have been 37 hearings on the investigation held to date and it is not finished yet. Acting Chairman Gignoux said, "We had better hear from the chairman on this bill." Commissioner Carden agreed with him.



## Schofield Gets the News

Today's latest telegraphic and local news is communicated to the 6000 soldiers and their families at Schofield Barracks through the large circulation of the Star-Bulletin at Uncle Sam's largest post.

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